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Payroll Employment Up 15,900 Jobs **California's Unemployment Rate Increases to 4.6 Percent**

SACRAMENTO – California's unemployment rate was 4.6 percent in November, up from 4.5 percent in October, the state Employment Development Department (EDD) reported today. A year ago the unemployment rate in November was 5.1 percent.

According to EDD's survey of employers, nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 15,900 jobs over the month, for a total of 15,070,600 jobs.

According to the separate survey of households, the number of Californians holding jobs in November was 17,057,000. This was an increase of 23,000 jobs from October, and up 183,000 jobs from the employment total in November of last year.

The number of people unemployed in California was 824,000 – an increase of 30,000 over the month, but down 86,000 compared with November of last year.

Of the unemployed, 289,000 were laid off, 85,400 left their jobs voluntarily, and the remaining were either new entrants or reentrants into the labor market, or persons who completed temporary jobs.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 245,064 people receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits during the November survey week. This compares with 302,233 last month and 330,500 last year. At the same time, new claims for unemployment insurance in November were 40,677, compared with 37,918 in October and 45,048 in November of last year.

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WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DETAIL (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

EDD's report on payroll employment (wage and salary jobs) in the nonfarm industries of California totaled 15,070,600 in November, a net gain of 15,900 jobs since the October survey. This followed a gain of 10,600 jobs (as revised) in October.

Nine of the categories (**natural resources and mining; construction; manufacturing; trade, transportation and utilities; information; financial activities; professional and business services; educational and health services; and government**) added jobs over the month, gaining 17,500 jobs. The information industry showed the largest gain, up by 3,600 jobs. Two categories (**leisure and hospitality and other services**) reported job declines this month, down 1,600 jobs. Other services posted the largest decline over the month, down by 900 jobs.

In a year-over-year comparison (November 2005 to November 2006), nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 156,600 jobs (up 1.1 percent).

Eight industry divisions (**natural resources and mining; trade, transportation and utilities; financial activities; professional and business services; educational and health services; leisure and hospitality; other services; and government**) posted job gains over the year, adding 174,800 jobs. On a numerical basis, professional and business services showed the strongest employment growth, adding 46,400 jobs (a 2.1 percent increase). On a percentage of growth basis, natural resources and mining showed the strongest gain, up 5.5 percent (adding 1,300 jobs).

Three categories (**construction; manufacturing; and information**) posted job declines over the year, down 18,200 jobs. On a numerical basis, construction employment showed the largest decline, down by 10,400 jobs. On a percentage basis information had the largest decrease down 1.4 percent.

WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DETAIL (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

Over the month, employment in **trade, transportation and utilities** showed the largest non-seasonally adjusted gain, up by 49,500 jobs. The gains were concentrated in retail trade, which added 48,100 jobs. **Construction** recorded the greatest non-seasonally adjusted loss, down by 10,100 jobs. Most of the losses were in the specialty trade contractors sector which declined by 6,900 jobs, primarily amongst building finishing contractors which decreased by 3,300 jobs.

The **professional and business services** industries reported the largest gain over the year, up 46,700 jobs. The largest gains were in the administrative and support and waste services sector, which was up by 26,700 jobs and the professional, scientific and technical services sector which added 19,200 jobs. The largest decrease over the year was in **construction**, which was down by 10,200 jobs. Most of these losses were specialty trade contractors whose employment declined by 8,800 jobs over the year.

Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA
(Amounts in thousands)

Industrial Classification	November 2006 (preliminary)	October 2006 (revised)	November 2005	Change Over 12 months (Percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers	15,070.6	15,054.7	14,914.0	1.1
Natural resources and mining	25.0	24.8	23.7	5.5
Construction	916.4	914.1	926.8	-1.1
Manufacturing	1,509.5	1,508.8	1,510.4	-0.1
Trade, transportation and utilities	2,839.0	2,835.5	2,830.9	0.3
Information	476.1	472.5	483.0	-1.4
Financial activities	947.3	946.8	936.5	1.2
Professional and business services	2,219.0	2,215.9	2,172.6	2.1
Educational and health services	1,625.6	1,622.9	1,599.0	1.7
Leisure and hospitality	1,524.4	1,525.1	1,490.2	2.3
Other services	523.8	524.7	514.6	1.8
Government*	2,464.5	2,463.6	2,426.3	1.6
Agriculture	375.3	368.3	369.0	1.7

*Includes all civilian employees of federal, state, and local governments.

TABLE A
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

	November 2006	October 2006	September 2006	November 2005
Civilian labor force ^a	17,881,000	17,828,000	17,800,000	17,784,000
Total civilian employment	17,057,000	17,034,000	16,942,000	16,874,000
Unemployment	824,000	794,000	858,000	910,000
Seasonally adjusted rate %	4.6	4.5	4.8	5.1
US seasonally adjusted rate % .	4.5	4.4	4.6	5.0

TABLE B
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, UNADJUSTED DATA

	November 2006	October 2006	September 2006	November 2005
Civilian labor force ^a	17,880,000	17,864,000	17,793,000	17,810,000
Total civilian employment	17,072,000	17,107,000	16,977,000	16,907,000
Unemployment	808,000	757,000	816,000	903,000
Unadjusted rate %	4.5	4.2	4.6	5.1

^aLabor force by place of residence including workers involved in trade disputes.

MONTHLY LABOR FORCE DATA FOR COUNTIES
NOVEMBER 2006; 2005 BENCHMARK
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE
STATE TOTAL	17,880,700	17,072,400	808,300	4.5%
ALAMEDA	762,500	730,000	32,500	4.3%
ALPINE	530	500	30	5.8%
AMADOR	16,800	15,990	810	4.8%
BUTTE	102,500	97,000	5,500	5.4%
CALAVERAS	21,080	20,050	1,030	4.9%
COLUSA	10,090	8,940	1,160	11.5%
CONTRA COSTA	522,800	501,800	21,000	4.0%
DEL NORTE	10,870	10,100	770	7.1%
EL DORADO	92,700	88,900	3,800	4.1%
FRESNO	395,300	363,800	31,500	8.0%
GLENN	11,420	10,600	820	7.2%
HUMBOLDT	61,500	58,400	3,000	4.9%
IMPERIAL	64,800	54,300	10,500	16.2%
INYO	9,180	8,780	400	4.3%
KERN	331,700	307,600	24,100	7.3%
KINGS	54,700	50,400	4,300	7.8%
LAKE	26,110	24,350	1,750	6.7%
LASSEN	12,370	11,530	830	6.7%
LOS ANGELES	4,857,600	4,661,100	196,400	4.0%
MADERA	61,200	57,200	4,000	6.5%
MARIN	132,600	128,200	4,500	3.4%
MARIPOSA	8,790	8,330	470	5.3%
MENDOCINO	43,690	41,600	2,100	4.8%
MERCED	100,600	92,600	8,000	8.0%
MODOC	4,070	3,810	260	6.5%
MONO	8,170	7,760	410	5.0%
MONTEREY	205,600	193,500	12,100	5.9%
NAPA	72,200	69,600	2,700	3.7%
NEVADA	50,190	48,240	1,960	3.9%
ORANGE	1,622,700	1,568,000	54,700	3.4%
PLACER	165,600	159,600	6,100	3.7%
PLUMAS	10,270	9,650	630	6.1%
RIVERSIDE	871,800	829,500	42,300	4.9%
SACRAMENTO	686,800	656,700	30,100	4.4%
SAN BENITO	24,900	23,500	1,400	5.7%
SAN BERNARDINO	883,300	844,200	39,100	4.4%
SAN DIEGO	1,525,100	1,465,700	59,400	3.9%
SAN FRANCISCO	427,100	409,800	17,300	4.0%
SAN JOAQUIN	287,100	267,100	20,000	7.0%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	132,400	127,600	4,800	3.6%
SAN MATEO	370,600	357,500	13,100	3.5%
SANTA BARBARA	215,800	207,400	8,400	3.9%
SANTA CLARA	830,400	793,600	36,800	4.4%
SANTA CRUZ	144,500	137,200	7,300	5.1%
SHASTA	82,200	77,400	4,900	5.9%
SIERRA	1,600	1,520	90	5.4%
SISKIYOU	18,300	16,990	1,310	7.1%
SOLANO	215,300	205,500	9,800	4.6%
SONOMA	254,500	244,800	9,700	3.8%
STANISLAUS	228,500	211,800	16,600	7.3%
SUTTER	41,500	38,100	3,400	8.2%
TEHAMA	26,390	24,960	1,430	5.4%
TRINITY	5,230	4,790	430	8.3%
TULARE	181,900	166,500	15,400	8.4%
TUOLUMNE	25,940	24,600	1,340	5.2%
VENTURA	426,800	407,900	18,800	4.4%
YOLO	96,100	91,200	5,000	5.2%
YUBA	26,300	24,300	2,000	7.7%